

## BRITISH CRISIS.

Fight for Supremacy Between the Lords and Commons

Precipitated by Budget Prepared by Lloyd George.

IT IS SOCIALISTIC

And Includes the Taxation of Land Values.

First Time for Such a Proposition in Parliament.

London, Nov. 6.—Never for long years has England been brought face to face with such a crisis as confronts her now. The gage has been thrown down and the lords and commons are at daggers drawn. The cause of all this is the Lloyd George budget, which the

of lords, where the budget will meet its fate, is Lord Lansdowne, a man of brilliant talent and ancient family for he is the twenty-sixth baron of his line whose title was created in 1181. A. D. Lord Lansdowne's record of public service reads: Governor general of India 1883-88; viceroy of India 1888-93; secretary for war, 1895-1900; foreign secretary, 1900-05.

Talk of Rebellion. There has been some talk of a rebellion against this leadership but it is merely talk circulated in Liberal ranks. If the lords reject the budget it will be because Lord Lansdowne turns his gladiatorial thumb down to show no mercy. That it is war to the knife is shown by Lloyd George's fighting speech of no surrender at Newcastle on Tyne. Here he said: "The budget must pass the lords as it stands; we will have all taxes or none."

But, despite assurances such as this, and no assurance can carry a bill the pulse of the house of lords does not confirm Lloyd George's optimism. The house of lords can throw it out or lay it upon the table, stating it is too drastic a measure to pass without an appeal to the electorate of the country. This latter is most probably the course they will pursue unless the unforeseen happens. The unforeseen may be summed up in what one correspondent termed the "wild ones." Now the wild ones are the young and irresponsible lords who never

## PRICE OF BROOMS

Has Increased to Beat the Band.

Shortage of Broomcorn Given as Reason.

SMALLEST FOR YEARS

Drouth of Summer Months Is Responsible.

Some Interesting Facts Regarding Broomcorn Crop.

Because of the failure of the broom corn crop the United States is now in the throes of a famine, such as has never before been known, and prices have increased 75 per cent on the raw product. Manufacturers recently announced an increase in the whole-

The estimated 1909 crop is in the neighborhood of 103,100 acres:

STATES—	Acres	Lbs per acre	Total lbs	Price per ton
Kansas	17,000	350	5,950,000	\$175
Illinois	18,000	300	5,400,000	150
Oklahoma	65,000	400	26,000,000	125
Nebraska	1,000	400	400,000	125
Other states	1,500	300	450,000	125
Total	103,100		42,000,000	
Average		300		\$148

The total yield this year is slightly over 21,000 tons and as the normal consumption is far above this yield, the grower or dealer who has a fair supply of brush should make good profits. Ordinarily the buyers look critically at the crop, at every point, particularly color, straightness of straw, etc., but the demand is so strong this year and the difficulty in securing a supply so great that brush is snapped up wherever found and few questions asked.

Responsibility for the decreased yield is largely due to the disastrous drouth of July, August and early September, which swept over Kansas, Oklahoma and the Southwest. The severely dry weather, amounting to almost a calamity in most sections of that only 66,000 acres were harvested. The acreage in Kansas, although cutting little figure so far as brush in the general market is concerned, was also reduced for the same reason.

Southeastern Illinois grows the best broom corn, for the soil and climate facilities are best there, and the growers more experienced, hence the Illinois product usually fixes the price of the market. Oklahoma, which is the largest producer, generally sends a second grade product to market.

Kansas grows a considerable acreage of dwarf broom corn, in fact this state produces the bulk of the dwarf broom, most of which is taken care of at home, very little of it finding its way to the general market. The yield in every section was cut short this year by the drouth. Illinois was hurt but little, but the average was reduced 100 pounds to the acre. An average of 400 pounds per acre is fully all the situation will stand. Kansas is on deck with 350 pounds per acre, while Nebraska will reach 400 pounds.

The condition of the brush as harvested was very satisfactory in Kansas, fine in Oklahoma, good to excellent in Illinois, and good in Nebraska. In fact, there is very little poor brush in the country this season.

## DIVIDED HIS PROPERTY.

Goshorn Gave His Wife Half Before Leaving Her.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 6.—E. J. Goshorn, who disappeared from here two weeks ago, was one of the best known business men of the city. A few days before leaving here he divided his property, which amounted to \$80,000. Of this sum he gave his wife \$40,000 and took \$40,000 for himself. Shortly after he went away his wife received the Kansas City letter to the effect that he would never return. The motive for Goshorn's action is a mystery. His domestic relations were apparently happy. There are no children.

## SLINGS IN BATTLE.

Spain in Africa Takes Up an Old Implement of War.

Melilla, Nov. 6.—While the world is endeavoring to solve the problem of effective offensive warfare by airships, it is a strange coincidence that on the frontier of the only battlefield in the world now active, airships are not being used to any great extent and balloons are only being used for signaling purposes. The one thing which is being used as a novelty and is being found effective is not a new invention, but the use of the old primitive sling. Thus in the land of Xenophon's conquest, where his slingers played so important a part in the warfare, today Spain is using the same sling, but with a new invention which makes it far more effective. Instead of throwing stones, as did Xenophon's warriors, small bombs especially prepared are fired by the Spanish troops against the Rifas, and in the hands of experienced slingers they have become one of the most deadly and fatal weapons of offense.

Forty men of the Chiclea battalion were chosen to wield the slings, and owed their novel position to the fact that they came either from the Ronda mountain region or from among the hill dwellers of Toledo and Estremadura—that is to say, from districts where people are accustomed to the use of the slings. Speaking of new weapons, it may be recalled that the Moors have been turning ginger beer and curacao bottles into bombs. It would not be strange if the world powers took up this novel means of warfare and trained certain of their troops to the use of the sling.

## HALF A WIFE EACH

Two Men Find Themselves Married to the Same Woman.

Now She Is in Jail on a Charge of Bigamy.

SAYS NO. 2 KNEW IT

But Would Not Wait for Her to Get a Divorce.

Told the Justice of the Peace She Was "Single."

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 6.—"We are two men stung by the same woman," is a statement made by William R. Hayner and Edmund Thelle of San Francisco to District Attorney Thomas P. Boyd of Marin county that led to the arrest of Mrs. Hayner or Mrs. Thelle, at the Alta Vista apartment house, 1053 Cestra street, on a charge of bigamy. And confused in the story of double husbands and mutual wife is the opposed statement of Mrs. Hayner-Thelle. She admits that she did not secure a divorce from Hayner, but contends that Thelle knew this when he married her in San Rafael last June, but pleaded that he could not wait until she secured the decree. Thelle declares that he knows now that his supposed wife is Hayner's spouse, but denies that he knew it until some time after his void marriage to her. Deputy Sheriff George Agnew came from San Rafael and conducted Mrs. Hayner to that city, where she was lodged in jail under \$15,000 bond. If she can prove that Thelle knew that she was wedded when he married her a charge of complicity in her offense may be lodged against the man.

How It Came About. The whole transaction is explained by the fact that Mrs. Hayner is a beautiful and attractive woman. Thelle, who was a druggist at

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they were happy, and then, Thelle says, his wife secured \$500 with which to visit her sick mother at Denver. He says she never went to that city and finally he heard from her in Portland, Ore. He says she secured \$1,400 from him. Uneasy at her prolonged absence and having plenty of time in his lone-

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chancellor of the exchequer has so framed that in many more phases than one it is not alone a Liberal budget, but a socialist one. It is the first budget to advocate the taxation of land values and unearned increments. This in itself has been and is one of the planks in the socialist platform. Land values unearned increments! Why, they are as dear to their hearts as Irish home rule to T. P. O'Connor or Redmond. The man who has framed this revolutionary budget is a Welshman of the Welsh. Not many years ago he was an obscure, one might almost say, lawyer; but his impetuous nature, his fighting genius brought him into the field of politics. He was under the limelight for the first time practically during the Boer war where he was one of the most vindictive of men in his advocacy of the Boer cause.

A Fighter From Birth. In his intimation for his brother Boer he invaded the sacred haunts of the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Birmingham, where if ever a man is worshipped and loved wholly and soulfully, Mr. Chamberlain is. Here he attempted to brand Mr. Chamberlain as a man who made the war for commercial gain. Needless to add he had to make an ignominious escape disguised as a policeman. I do not think any other man but Lloyd George would have dared to do it. This is the personality of the man who has framed a budget contrary to all ordinary methods of taxation. A fighter from his birth up. The man who is the sworn foe to Lloyd George and acknowledged to be the leader of the forces of the house

House of Parliament, Where the Great Budget Fight Is Being Threshed Out. In the Circle About, John Demphreys, Whose Election in Parliament. Below—Premier Asquith on the Left and Lloyd George on the Right.

trouble to take their seats except upon exceptional cases, when their temper is aroused. It is stated that the "wild ones," who number 150, and own no allegiance to any party head, have made a compact to swamp the budget. This they can easily do, for the liberal peers number only sixty or so and if they vote 'en bloc' they can turn the scale whether the Tory peers want to pass it or not. It is this uncertain floating element of lordly fustians that may drift into the house of lords on the day the budget is voted upon and upset Lloyd George's "all or nothing" and precipitate the crisis.

The King Was Deceived. Should an appeal to the country be made the chief planks in the platform will be the budget, free trade and tariff reform. It was whispered that the king had been given to think that the only way the "wild ones" could be placated is to promise them that if the budget is passed the ministry will dissolve; but, unfortunately, the ministry deny this and stoutly say they will not. The house of lords could compel the parliament to dissolve by vetoing every measure they have before them. The Liberals say the lords dare not do this on their lives for some measures include remedies for unemployment, sick insurance, pensions, etc., which the Conservative party is committed to.

But again, there are the "wild ones." With Winston Churchill in the thick of the fray for the Liberal party, Keir Hardie for the socialists and Lloyd George the militant head, the quieter personality of the prime minister, Mr. Asquith, is almost obscured, but it is to be hoped that he can effect some sort of compromise in the matter of a budget so strikingly revolutionary in its conception, so drastic in its measures.

Not all the flamboyant rhetoric can pass that budget, no threats, no pleadings. In the sanctity of the house of lords lies its fate, and a few days will show whether the lords have got backbone or they are the spineless creatures of W. T. Stead's imaginings. The whole of Great Britain is in a ferment, and the issue would not appear to be the budget alone, though that is undoubtedly the spark that has fired the brains; but either the peers or the people shall rule.—E. W. Towler.

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